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SUMMER CROSSINGS

May 26
June 16
July 21
August 18

Meeting Minutes

Click below:

http://www.rctc.edu/intra/html/meeting_minutes.html

COMMENCEMENT THIS THURSDAY!!



GET THERE...THEY DID THEIR PART. LET'S FINISH OURS...

BE THERE.

The RCTC Commencement Ceremony will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday, May 15 in the Field House at the UCR Regional Sports Center. Please plan to attend...students are looking forward to their special night and appreciate your support! See attachment for assembly details.

In appreciation of your dedication and commitment during the past year, you are invited to attend a President's Reception from 4:30-7:30pm in the All American Room on the 2nd floor of the UCR Regional Sports Center.

"Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once."

~Lillian Dickson

Weekly Funny

Snapshots at jasonlove.com



How singers become self-centered.

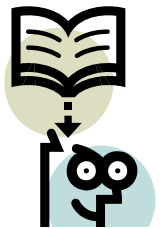
Final Days – Plant Sale!

Horticulture Greenhouse at Heintz Center

May 12: 2 - 4pm; May 13: 11 - 2pm
and May 15: 11 - 1pm

~ Growing for you, Robin, Doug, & Hort Students

Academic Accolades



San Thach, a RCTC Upward Bound student and a senior at John Marshall High School, was one of the recipients of the 2008 Dell Scholars \$20,000 Scholarship. The Dell Scholars program recognizes students who have overcome significant obstacles to pursue their

education. In turn, these scholars serve as positive role models and change the trajectories for their siblings, friends, and communities. In addition to receiving this scholarship, she will receive a new laptop. San plans to attend the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and pursue a degree in the medical field.

Up coming Events at the Regional Sport Center

May 15, RCTC Graduation
May 17 NAMI, Walk for Research and Education
May 18, Rochester Youth Volleyball and Southern MN Volleyball Tournament

Email Migration Reminder

As you have heard, RCTC has decided to move from Novell GroupWise to Microsoft Exchange/Outlook for email, calendaring and task management. While the GroupWise system has served us well in the past, the technology committee feels that Outlook will better serve our collaboration needs in the future. Additionally, several other MnSCU members have reached the same decision to migrate, and by deciding to make this change in 2008 we can save costs on training and leverage the experiences of other member colleges in making this move.

What you can expect:

While a data migration process will “move” all your email and calendar items to the new system, we are asking everyone to help clean up their mailbox by deleting as much email as possible before we make the migration this summer. We’ll be sending out some detailed cleanup instructions soon - please take a few minutes to perform this step when received to make the conversion easier on the IT staff, and faster for you as well! **Therefore it is necessary to trim your current GroupWise mailbox to prepare it to be moved into Exchange.**

We will be having training on Outlook, which is recommended for all users. It will be mandatory for ALL staff. The training group will be sending out the schedule on that as we get closer to the cut over date. A detailed training schedule will be coming your way soon, outlining which groups will be moved over and when training classes will be held.

Things to do prior to migration:

1. **Review your mail** - Spend an hour going through your mailbox and delete old or non-essential mail. Chances are that the bulk of the messages in your mailbox are made up of non essential communication, old projects, spam messages, logfiles, etc., with the remainder being current essential or retainable mail.
2. **Clean your archive** - You can switch over to your archive as well and get a reading it using the "Check Mailbox Size" function.
3. **Search for attachments** - The bulk/size of mail is hidden in attachments. These would be the JPGs, movies, PDF's, PowerPoint files, ZIP, etc. files that you either email to yourself or someone emails to you. Perhaps that is the only point of the message and that is all you really need. They can be saved several at a time.
4. **Wireless Mobile Device** - For those of you running handheld devices, IT will be assisting you to reconfigure them to work with Exchange. You will need Windows Mobile 5 or newer on your wireless mobile device to connect to our Exchange system and receive mail, calendar, etc. Contact the Help Desk for purchasing a compatible device.

Summer Martial Arts Club

Martial Arts Club will continue to meet this summer! Please contact Steve Bein at steve.bein@roch.edu if you are interested in our summer meeting times. We meet through the end of the semester on Wednesdays from 8-10pm in SC108. Summer schedule to follow shortly.

Supalla Scribblings



I'm certain that about now, legislators in St. Paul are feeling the same way many RCTC faculty and staff. It's hard to believe that another legislative session and another academic year are quickly coming to an end. Up on second floor Atrium, both students and staff have mentioned that they are experiencing a feeling of excitement that spring semester is coming to an end, and the stress that comes with realizing how much work needs to be done between now and May 15. Very late Wednesday evening, both the House and Senate unanimously passed the higher education policy bill. One of the significant changes will be the impact on composition of the MnSCU Board of Trustees. The language sent to the Governor requires that at least one seat on the Board be filled by a labor representative (that's down from the original proposal of two seats for labor). The bill is on its way to Governor Pawlenty. Legislative leaders and the Governor continue to meet regarding how best to resolve the billion dollar

budget shortfall. As it currently stands, the Governor has recommended a \$26 million reduction for MnSCU and the Legislature is proposing a \$6.5 million cut. Stay tuned for more details as the debate heats up during the final two weeks of the session.

Campus Kudos...

- Congratulations to Lori Wright who was awarded the 2008 Outstanding Post-Secondary Business Educator from the Southeast Minnesota Business Educators, Inc. This is an accomplishment comparable to a lifetime achievement award. Way to go, Lori!
- With the stress that often accompanies the end of the school year, I hope that you've been taking advantage of the wonderful opportunities we have right on campus to enjoy the fine work of our students and staff. Recently, we've been treated to extraordinary performances by our Fine Arts Department. If you missed this year's "Circuits and Skins" concert, musical dinner concert extravaganza, Art Gallery student exhibit, and other events, why not make a resolution to take in more campus events during the next school year. We are so very fortunate to have faculty like Chuck Blattner, Kevin Dobbe, Denny McQuire and staff like Rhonda Jenson and B.J. Shigaki on the team.
- It's official, Shamil Mirzoev from RCTC's PTK Omicron Chapter, garnered 65% of the vote while being elected to as International Vice President – Division III. Shamil will represent almost 300 PTK Chapters in 13 states that run north to south down the mid-section of the country. Shamil is majoring in Liberal Arts, and hopes to pursue bachelor's and master's degrees in International Business and Business Administration. His career goal is to create an international school for orphans. He's a Judo wrestler from Russia, who now teaches children martial arts, in addition to working as an instructor's assistant in the Rochester Public Schools and tutoring high school students in calculus and statistics. Shamil is the first-ever international officer elected in Omicron's 80-year history. Congratulations!

Recently, the Pew Charitable Trusts released a startling report, *One in 100: Behind Bars in America 2008*. Three decades of growth in America's prison population has quietly nudged the nation across a sobering threshold: for the first time, more than one in every 100 adults is now confined in an American jail or prison. For some groups, the incarceration numbers are especially startling. While one in 30 men between the ages of 20 and 34 is behind bars, for black males in that group the figure is one in nine. Gender adds another dimension to the picture. Men still are roughly 10 times more likely to be in jail or prison, but the female population is burgeoning at a far brisker pace. For black women in their mid-to late-30s, the incarceration rate has also hit the 1-in-100 mark. In 1987, states collectively spent \$10.6 billion of their general funds on corrections. Last year, they spent more than \$44 billion, a 315% increase. Adjusted to 2007 dollars, the increase was 127%. Over that same period, adjusted spending on higher education rose just 21%.



The Editorial Projects in Education (EPE) just released *Cities in Crisis*, a special analytic report on high school graduation in America's 50 largest cities (Minneapolis is the only Minnesota city included). In 2003-04, Minneapolis graduated just 43.7 percent of its students, sixth worst in the country. Mesa, Arizona ranked #1 (77.1%) and Detroit, Michigan ranked last (24.9%). Seventeen of the 50 Districts (including Minneapolis) graduated less than 50 percent of their students. More details and other sobering information can be found at <http://www.edweek.org>.

Quote from the National AACRAO (American Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers) Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, March 2008...

We are all customer service providers. We don't like to talk about what we do in business terms, but really that's what it is.
– Melanie Gottlieb, Webster University

For those of you fortunate to have the summer off, enjoy rest, relaxation and safe travels. For those working over the summer, do find some extended time for family, friends and fun. Thanks for another good year!

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Crossings Classifieds

MOVING SALE: Moving to a Condo Sale - 631 Toogood Ct SW, Rochester 8am-4pm June 7. Furniture, TVs, electronics, tools, home & garden decor, books, holiday decor. Email me for a list of larger items. Anne Benson anne.benson@roch.edu 282-3669

New Scholarship Fund Created

A check creating a permanent endowment funded by the estate of Dr. Mary Goette was recently presented by Kit Mueller Vreeman, the estate's representative to President Supalla and Jean Jech, Executive Director of the RCTC Foundation. The monies will be used for annual scholarships in Dr. Goette's memory. Dr. Mary Goette joined the faculty of RCTC in 1946 and continued teaching psychology and political science until her retirement in 1985. During this time she developed and implemented a new curriculum, Psychology of Women, which is now taught throughout the country and she is recognized as the first RCTC faculty member to obtain a PhD. Dr. Goette passed away in April 2007. Two \$1,000 scholarships in Dr. Goette's name were awarded to Benjamin Deyo and Katrina Grotjahn, at this year's Scholarship Awards Celebration held April 24 in the Rockenbach Performance Court. Over 400 people were present to witness the awarding of 190 scholarships totaling \$198,000 for the 2008-09 academic year.



Condolences

Ray Mikesh (Retired Speech Instructor/Theatre Director from 1970-2001) lost his battle against pancreatic cancer and passed away on Saturday, May 10, 2008. Ray was 66 years old. Our thoughts are with Barb and their entire family!

Taher Summer Hours

Starting May 27th the Cafe Express will be open 8:30am to 1:30pm Monday - Thursday and Closed on Fridays. All food service locations will be closed May 16th through May 26th. The UCR Main Cafe will be closed for the summer. The Heintz Center Cafe will be closed for the summer. This summer we will feature a cookout on the patio next to the Cafe. We'll let you know the dates soon.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all from RCTC who took part in the "A Litter Bit Better!" event in April. Also, a special thanks to Cris Kellas, facilities supervisor who coordinated the efforts for RCTC and all three maintenance shifts who spent a wet morning helping to make our campus A Litter Bit Better.



Mayor Ardell Brede signed the award pictured and also asked us to save the date for 2009's event. Thanks to all we appreciate your efforts!

~ The Administration

UCR Learning Center Open House

The **UCR Learning Center** has undergone some dramatic changes this semester, and for the most part, we have stabilized.

The LC staff would like to invite you to stop in and see the place between now and the end of the semester.

Staff members will be around, as they always are, and will be happy to answer any questions you might have about how we are serving students and about how your students might best utilize the Learning Center to facilitate their learning.

Please check out all of our space, including these rooms:

AT-306 -- the main room, with math, writing, Spanish areas, and computer help

AT-309 -- the Ganza/workshop/CTL and large group study area

AT-311 -- the speech area (just getting started), which will have more equipment and speech-related materials coming soon

AT-301 -- the science area

AT-308 -- the Proctoring Center

Also notice the beautiful art work which is a part of the rotating student art exhibition space, and do check out the display cabinet with all the books authored by RCTC faculty members (more still arriving daily!).

Please visit us and think about your planning for next year -- what could you do to integrate the Learning Center experience into your classes. Our statistical data has proven that grades and retention both go up when students consistently use the Learning Center.

~ Julie Rodakowski



**ENJOY
SUMMER!**